

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Railway Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any step for timely completion of Manmad-Malegaon-Dhule-Nardana-Indore and Nasik-Pune, Nasik-Surat rail route projects in district of Nasik;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Indore-Manmad (339 km) new line was completed in 2007-08 and updated in 2011-12. As per the survey report, the cost of the project was assessed as ` 2257 crore with a Rate of Return 9.53%. The project could not be taken forward as the condition put forth by Niti Aayog of cost sharing was not complied by the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Survey for Pune-Nasik (265 km) new line was completed in 2009-10 and cost of the work assessed as ` 1899 crore with Rate of Return of 4.11%. The project could not be sanctioned because of huge throwforward of ongoing projects and its unremunerative nature, and limited availability of funds for new lines.

To reassess the techno-economic feasibility, fresh surveys for these two lines were announced in Budget 2015-16 and have been taken up.

As regards Nasik-Surat (237 km) new line, survey has been taken up.

(c): Survey requires interaction with various departments of State Government, District Administration, trade & industries, etc. for assessment of traffic projection. It also involves preparation of plan, drawing, calculation of cost, rate of return etc. Since this is an extensive exercise, hence, no time frame has been fixed for completion of the surveys.
